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SOURCE:

1. The Carpenters' Cooperative (Cooperativa Tamplarilor), with a membership of 300 including a small number of clerical workers and auxiliary personnel, is located at 4 Strada Horia, Satu Mare, with the entrance at 8 Strada Stefan Cel Mare. The installations consist only of small and simple items of machinery for the processing of wood and the manufacture of furniture.
2. Orders are worked out and materials distributed to the furniture factories by the Planning Commission of the Timber Department, Bucharest. Both orders and materials are forwarded after long delays, causing endless disputes between the factories and the Timber Department.
3. The 1951 turnover of the cooperative was 30 million lei, and its production plan was accomplished in quantity as well as quality. The deliveries included the following:
 - a. 4,500 small stools for the Danube-Black Sea Canal construction project at Constanta.
 - b. 10,000 chairs and an unknown number of tables and benches for the Ministry of the Interior (MAI), Evidenta Generala Department, Bucharest.
 - c. A large number of chairs, army tables and benches as well as filing cabinets, made for the Rumanian Army. These items were taken over at Satu Mare by officers from Baia Mare and Cluj and transported by road and rail to an unknown destination.
 - d. Large numbers of school benches, small tables and chairs, made for schools and kindergartens.
 - e. High-grade furniture, dining room and bedroom suites, for export to the USSR. This furniture receives no trademark and in particular is not to be marked "Made in Rumania".

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4. In 1951 soft fir wood was in short supply, and too fresh. Band saws, wood screws (hollow steel screws), and furniture packing materials were very difficult to obtain.
5. An exhibition of the Rumanian furniture industry was held in Moscow in 1950-51, by the Rumanian Timber Ministry. The preparations took several years and cost millions of lei.

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